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Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
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Examiner: Jamara Alzaida Franklin
Confirmation No.: 4442
Title: *Automated System and Method for Check Amount
Encoding at a Point-of-Sale*

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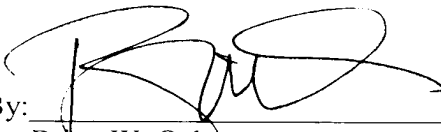
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Supervisory Patent Examiner mailed April 19, 2002 finally rejecting Claims 19, 22, 25, and 26, all of the claims pending in this case.

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